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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4
1. SUMMARY: THE VIOLENCE AFFLICTING EL SALVADOR EXPERIENCED ONE OF ITS PERIODIC DOWNWARD FLUCTUATIONS DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 67 PERSONS WERE REPORTED MURDERED AND 20 TERRORIST INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE. INCLUDED AMONG THE DEAD WERE THE MAYORS OF TWO TOWNS. TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE A RANDOM COLLECTION OF BOMBINGS, AMBUSHES AND ATTACKS ON TOWNS AND FARMS. EN SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS. PRESS SOURCES RECORDED THE DEATHS OF SOME 67 PERSONS THIS WEEK. IN ADDITION, THE ARMED FORCES PUBLISHED A NOTICE LAMENTING THE DEATHS OF FIVE SOLDIERS IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE GUERRILLAS. THE DISAPPEARANCES OF A FURTHER

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15 PERSONS WAS RECORDED. ONE OF THESE, THE MAYOR OF SAN LORENZO, WAS CAPTURED AT A "MILITARY ROADBLOCK" (ACCORDING TO THE PRESS) AND LATER FOUND DEAD. OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 67, TWO WERE REPORTED KILLED BY VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES, 8 BY LEFTIST TERRORISTS, AND 4 FELL VICTIM TO THE RIGHT-WING MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ DEATH SQUAD. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE HERE, THE MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS, 52 IN NUMBER, MET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS FOR UNKNOWN NS. A BREAKDOWN OF THE DEAD BY OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

7 WORKERS	3 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN
1 FARMER	1 FORMER NATIONAL GUARDSMAN
1 MASON	1 ADMINISTRATOR
2 STUDENTS	2 EMPLOYEES

1 SHOEMAKER 1 CAMPESINO
2 MAYORS
45 UNKNOWN
67 TOTAL

A BREAKDOWN OF THE AGES OF THE VICTIMS YIELDS THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	7
B. AGES 18-25	17
C. AGES 26-35	14
D. AGES 36-50	8
E. AGES 51 AND OVER	3
F. UNKNOWN	18
	67 TOTAL

3. SPECIAL NOTE: AMONG THE 67 VICTIMS OF THIS WEEK'S VIOLENCE WERE THE MAYORS OF TWO SMALL TOWNS. BOTH WERE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE MAYOR OF NEJAPA MANUEL CANO CALLEJAS DISAPPEARED

SEPTEMBER 2 AND WAS FOUND SHOT THE FOLLOWING DAY. ON AUGUST 31 ISRAEL BONILLA ROSA, THE 27 YEAR-OLD MAYOR OF SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE WAS TAKEN AT A MILITARY CHECKPOINT FROM A BUS ON WHICH HE WAS A PASSENGER. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS THE FOLLOWING DAY INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO INTERCEDE WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GARCIA IN BONILLA ROSA'S FAVOR. REGARDLESS OF ANY INITIATIVES TAKEN, BONILLA ROSA WAS FOUND DEAD ON SEPTEMBER

4. INCIDENTS:

--ON 8/30 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT THE HOME OF AN ARMY OFFICER. NO ONE WAS KILLED.

--ON 8/30 ALONG THE RIO SECO, IN SAN MIGUEL A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND GUERRILLA FORCES WAS REPORTED. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

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--ON 8/30 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE HOME OF AN ATHLETE CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES.
--ON 8/30 IN SAN SALVADOR A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED NEAR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. ONE ATTACKER WAS KILLED IN THE RESULTING EXCHANGE.
-- ON 8/30 THE CANTON CANDELARIA, SAN VICENTE WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS. NO REPORTS OF CASULATIES.
-- ON 8/31 IN SANTA ANA A BOMB DESTROYED A PRIVATE HOME. NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED.
-- ON 9/1 NEAR CANTON SAN ROQUE, SAN SALVADOR A MILITARY VEHICLE ESCORTING A WATER TRUCK WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS. THREE GUARDIA NACIONAL WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE WOUNDED. RADIO VENCEREMOS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FMLN TOOK CREDIT FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT.
-- ON 9/1 THE HACIENDA MALACATOYA, NEAR ZACATECOLUCA, LA PAZ WAS ATTACKED BY A TERRORIST SQUADRON ESTIMATED TO HAVE
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A STRENGTH OF 200. TWO HACIENDA WORKERS DIED IN THE ASSAULT.
-- ON 9/2 IN ATIQUIZAYA, AHUACHAPAN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING WAS BOMBED, CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE TO NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES.
-- ON 9/2 IN SAN SALVADOR TWO BOMBS INSTALLED INA SHOPPING CENTER DESTROYED A SUPERMARKET, BANK, AND SIX CARS. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE EXPLOSIONS ALSO DOUSED THE LIGHTS JUST BEFORE A SOCCER GAME IN A NEARBY STADIUM. THE CAY CROWD REMAINED IN THE DARK FOR AN HOUR UNTIL THE POWER RETURNED AND THE GAME COULD BE STARTED.
-- ON 9/2 THE CANTON LA TRINDAD, CABANAS SUFFERED A 5-HOUR ATTACK AT THE HANDS OF GUERRILLAS WHO CARRIED OFF FIVE CIVILIANS AND ONE PATRULLERO.

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-- ON 9/2 NEAR JIQUILISCO, USULJTAN, GUERRILLAS MACHINE-GUNNED A BUS, LEAVING FIFE PASSENGERS WOUNDED.
-- ON 9/2 NEAR IZALCO, SONSONATE A FIREFIGHT DEVELOPED WHEN MILITARY PATROLS SURPRISED GUERRILLAS ENGAGED IN THE COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES.
-- ON 9/3 IN SAN SALVADOR AN ELECTRICAL LIGH EPOST WAS DOWNED BY SUBVERSIVES.
-- ON 9/3 NEAR CANTON CALDERAS, SAN VICENTE A MILITARY PATROL WAS AMBUSED GY GUERRILLAS LEAVING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
-- ON 9/3 NEAR CANTON SAN LUCAS, LA PAZ A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND PATRULLEROS LEFT ONE PATRULLERO DEAD.
-- ON 9/3 THE TOWN OF SAN JOSE LAS FLORES, CHALATENANGO SUFFERED A SEVER HOUR ATTACK AT THE HANDS OF GUERRILLAS. NO REPORTS OF CASULATIES.
-- ON 9/4 THE CANTON SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, CUSCATLAN WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT THREE DEAD UPON REPLUSE.
-- ON 9/4 NEAR CHALCHUAPA, SANTA ANA A MILITARY PATROL ENGAGED A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS. CASUALTIES WERE UNDETERMINED.
-- ON 9/4 NEAR CANTON EL REFUGIO, AHUACHAPAN A MILITARY PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS. CASULATIES WERE UNREPORTED.
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5. A VIGNETTE: THE SAN SALVADOR DAILIES FOR SEPTEMBER 4 REPORTED THE RETIREMENT OF JORGE ANTONIO MARROQUIN RUGAMAS, SIXTH PEANL JUDGE OF SAN SALVADOR, DUE TO A SERIES OF THREATS WHICH HE HAD RECBIVED. THE NEWS REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE THREATS WERE COMBINED WITH DEEDS WHEN THE JUDGE'S CAR WAS BURNED AND WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A KNIFE-WIELDING ASSAILANT. THOGH UNWOUNDED, MARROQUIN RUGAMAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE COULD NO LONGER PURSUE HIS DUTIES RESPONSIBLY.
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